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[Problem]    It is an object to provide a facsimile machine that can reduce the period of time from a transmission operation of an original document until the end of the transmission.

[Means for Solving the Problem]    When a start command of a process is received (S13), the facsimile machine according to the present invention performs a parallel process of a scanning/encoding process (S14), a dividing process (S21), an electronic mail generating process (S24), and an electronic mail transmitting process (S26). Accordingly, in parallel with the scanning/encoding process, the electronic mail transmitting process can be performed. Therefore, the period of time required from the start of the scanning of the original document until the end of the transmission of image data can be reduced.

[Selected drawing]    Fig. 4